



American Association of University Women  
Capital Branch  
June 28, 2018  
Board Meeting

Members Present		
Lynne Ballatore	Mary Moffitt	Caroline Punches
JoAnn Carpenter	Judy Welch	Nancy Stiles
Jane Johnson	Marty McGarry	Jennifer Verive
Barbara LeBlanc	Flo Bedrosian	Donna Curtis
Diane Koditek	Iris Blaisdel	

The meeting was held at Partnership Carson City, 1925 N. Carson St., Carson City and was called to order at 9:30 AM by President Caroline Punches.

President Punches called members' attention to the Annual Report of 2017-2018 and opened discussion of what we want to repeat and what we want to do better. Ideas and discussion included:

- **Feast of Chocolate** - Flo reported that Raley's is changing its structure and can't be expected to play the same role as in the past. Some ideas were exchanged. Flo made it clear she will co-chair the 2019 event but seriously wants someone to "shadow" her and Susan Klekar to assume leadership beyond 2019.
- **Work Smart** - there was consensus that we all want to keep up Work Smart trainings. Ideas for increasing community buy-in and participation were discussed. Jennifer shared some of the efforts she has made.
- **STEM programs support** - this needs to be researched and brainstormed as to what we can do.
- **Legislative Session Activism** - build on 2017 successful organizing, attendance, testifying and other outreach to Assembly and Senate members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Barbara LeBlanc reviewed the Financial Report. Diane Koditek moved to accept the report as presented. Donna Curtis seconded the motion. The Report was unanimously accepted.

**Membership Status:** President Punches had prepared a chart of membership growth from 2013 (30 members) to 2018 (68 members) as well as meetings attendance for 2017-18 compared to 2016-17 and 2015-16. All were impressive numbers so we're doing something right! During discussion it was noted we can improve visibility of the branch with collaborative and personal efforts to invite prospective members and develop information handouts. Later in the meeting it was reported that Iris Blaisdel is assuming the role of Branch Membership Chair due to the resignation of Mary Wilson. Mary Wilson has agreed to help with the August membership event.

**2018-19 Planning:** The membership survey results were provided to the board members. Judy Welch led a review and discussion. She took ideas from the board members for her programs task group to use in planning.

- **Meals at member/program meetings** – after lengthy discussion it was clear that there is not one answer and Programs/President Punches will work together to recruit a Meals sub-committee.
- **Programs** – there was some discussion about trying to do a “How to Agree to Disagree” roundtable with folks who might not generally share our values but where we can practice diversity and civility. Other suggestions included a video night, a field trip, local branch member feature, and panels. It was noted that May 22, 2019 is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Branch and perhaps cause for a special history program.

**Branch Calendar July 2018 – June 2019:** The meeting and event dates for the next year were reviewed as follows:

- August 24 – Membership Reception, Governor’s Mansion is reserved, 4 PM was favored time; members to invite friends and prospects
- September 4 – membership meeting with program
- October dates not firm yet – candidate forums in collaboration with League of Women Voters, Sierra Nevada Forums and PFLAG. Possibility of meeting on regular 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday for orientation/network/round table/public policy discussion.
- October through December – pecans
- November 6 – membership meeting with program
- November date for Work Smart also in the works
- December 4 – Holiday party
- January 1 or maybe 8 – figure out a date with the Ormsby room, perhaps Nancy to do a public policy program on tracking and engaging members on legislative issues
- February through May – Legislature in session
- February 5 – membership meeting with program
- February – Feast of Chocolate
- March 5 – membership meeting with program
- April 2 – branch business meeting
- May 7 – membership meeting with program
- June (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) – scholarship brunch

**Miscellaneous:** President Punches will set another meeting at which board members can discuss Policies and Procedures Updates, Archives, Membership engagement, and Reservation tracking. She asked the board members to review her 2017-18 report and be ready to set branch goals for 2018-19, and to think about a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary special event.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marty McGarry and Lynne Ballatore  
Secretary